

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

I am extremely concerned about Sinclair's actions regarding the use of our airways to spread a party line and try to have the impact on the election that their company executives want. This is NOT the way our airways are to be used and I want you to take action to stop such biased use of the airways that are purported to belong to all of the American people, NOT to the self-interests of the corporations that broadcast over them.

Furthermore, Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you for taking action that serves the public to whom you are responsible.